

# YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers

## 'Interesting Person Is Well-Informed...'

Dear Ann Landers: I hope you can help me with my problem because you are involved, in a sense.

My 16-year-old daughter reads your column religiously. I'm pleased that she does because I believe your advice is good. Parents, of course, never know anything, but Ann Landers — well, that's a different story.

At the dinner table we often discuss your column. Our daughter can recite everything in it. The world could be aflame with war and unless it was mentioned in Ann Landers' column she wouldn't know it. She never looks at the front page, never reads a news story or an editorial.

I feel it is important for teenagers to keep up with local, national and international news. If you agree with me please say so in your column. Then I'll be certain she sees it. Thank you very much.—A FATHER

Dear Father: I don't want to poke a finger in the eyes that read me but I agree with you wholeheartedly.

An interesting person is a well-informed person. But even more important, each of us shares in the responsibilities of citizenship and an enlightened electorate is essential to a stable society. This is the role of the news and

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# Las Vecinas Women's Club Installs Officers



ENDOWED WITH DUTIES . . . Slate of new officers installed to serve on the board of Las Vecinas Woman's club for the coming year included from left, Mmes. Frederick Buxton, first vice president; Mrs. Mel Heflinger, president; Carl Benson, second vice president; standing, from

left, Mmes. George W. Betus, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Lester Oswald, recording secretary. New officers not present for the installation were Mmes. Don Malone, treasurer; Robert Pinkney, publicity; and Joseph Jay, ways and means.



WITH THEIR PRESIDENT . . . Mrs. Mel Heflinger, left, was installed as new president of Las Vecinas Woman's club last Thursday afternoon at a program and tea at the Plush Horse restaurant. Pictured with her are two of her officers, Mmes. Donald Edwards, philanthropy chairman and Marvin Stolley, membership chairman. Mrs. Albert Kurz, past president, conducted the installation.

## Here for Summer With Parents

Mrs. Robert J. Manning and children, Sue, Pat and Jimmy, of Mt. Prospect, Ill., arrived by plane last Thursday morning to spend the summer here with Mrs. Manning's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Kresse, 14331 El Prado Ave.

Mr. Manning is manager of applications for the mid-west area of the Beckman Instrument Co.



MRS. LOLLIE AHRENS . . . On 85th Birthday

## Open House Honors Mrs. Lollie Ahrens

Mrs. Lollie Ahrens, who celebrated her 85th birthday last Thursday, was honored at a beautiful open house given by her daughter, Mrs. W. I. Laughon at their home, 1538 El Prado.

Mrs. Ahrens was born in Joliet, Ill., in 1877. She came to California in 1885 and lived in Los Angeles until 1939 when she came with her daughter to Torrance to make their home.

She has been an active member of the Torrance Woman's Club and the Torrance Hospital Auxiliary.

The table at Thursday's party was centered by an arrangement of pink carnations, white roses and Bells of Ireland, a gift from two long-time friends, Mrs. J. E. Stavert and Mrs. Merrill Sahli of Concord. Also on the table was a pink and white decorated birthday cake. Champagne punch was served from a large punch bowl by Mmes. Stavert, Ruth Richards, Clarence Cook, Eugene Cook, C. T. Rippey and J. B. Scotton.

Mrs. Jack Phillips was in charge of the guest book. Assisting in serving refreshments, during the open house hours from one until six p.m., were Mrs. James Burchett and Mrs. H. J. Osborne.

Over 60 guests called to congratulate Mrs. Ahrens and to shower her with gifts and cards.



MRS. JOHN A. SERGI . . . Makes Promises

(Portrait by Seeman)

## Alum Benefit Theater Party Slated July 15

The South Bay Chapter of the Alumni Association of Immaculate Heart College will take over the Hampton Players Little Theatre for the production "Lullaby," July 15.

Proceeds from the theater party will be used to set up a language laboratory at the college.

Chairman for the affair is Mrs. Frank Augustine. A cocktail party will be held preceding the show at the Augustine home, 421 Calle de Filippi, Hollywood Riviera.

## Family Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. John Salyer and four children, 20817 Avis, have returned from a week's vacation on the Colorado River. They joined friends from Riverside for the trip.

## At El Retiro Park

# Annual Twin Club Picnic on Sunday

South Bay Mothers of Twins Club will hold its fourth annual Twin Club Picnic at El Retiro Park, Hollywood Riviera, on Sunday, July 8. Co-chairmen, Mrs. James R. Cantrell of Torrance and Mrs. Dearth Walker of San Pedro, have scheduled the picnic to start at 10 a.m. with a coffee

be the twin parade. This is the traditional parade which is judged in the following six classifications: Most Identical Twin Girls, Most Identical Twin Boys, Most Identical Twin Girl and Boy, Most Unalike Twin Girls, Most Unalike Twin Boys, Most Unalike Twin Girl and Boy. Judging the twins will be Mrs. Lewis Smith, Miss Ann Smith and Mrs. Harold Roache, each of whom is a member of a twin family. Tom Bannon of Torrance will be the master of ceremonies and will be in charge of the prizes following the parade, with the three lucky adult winners to receive an ice chest, skotch grill or picnic thermos basket.

The family fun afternoon will conclude with games for adults and children alike and prizes and ribbons for all winners. Families living in the South Bay area are invited to attend and participate. Winding up the summer's festivities will be the Fun Swim Night for members and friends on Aug. 11 at the Adli Swim School in Hollywood Riviera.

For membership information, Mrs. Ronald Eisman of Torrance may be contacted.

## Pacina-Sergi Nuptials Recited by Candlelight

Last Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, Miss Brenda Gayle Pacina walked down the aisle of the First Lutheran Church in Torrance to exchange her wedding promises with John Anthony Sergi. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Martin Pacina of Yucaipa and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sergi of Youngstown, Ohio are the parents of the bridegroom.

Mr. Pacina escorted his daughter to the altar and gave her in marriage. Her traditional gown was of white bridal satin detailed with three-quarter sleeves, scoop neckline and small buttons down the back. The flowing skirt fell into a chapel train. Her illusion veil was held by a pearl tiara and she carried white roses and stephanotis atop a white pearl Bible.

## Welcomes Hongkong Orphans

"One of my most satisfying experiences" was the way Mrs. Roger Lockhart, 2902 176th Court, Torrance, described her day at the International Airport last Wednesday.

Mrs. Lockhart, a member of the Los Angeles Travelers Aid, was on hand when the plane arrived from Hongkong bringing 47 orphans from Red China. The children ranged in age from 9 months to 13 years.

Sponsoring the movement is WAIF, of which Jane Russell, movie star, is president. Miss Russell was on hand to greet the children as was Robert Kennedy, Attorney General of the United States.

Mrs. Lockhart and other Travelers Aids fed the children, changed diapers, and read to them, awaiting time for placement. The 47 orphans were distributed to foster parents in 15 states.

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PREPARE FOR PICNIC . . . The annual Mothers of Twins club picnic to be held Sunday at El Retiro will attract parents with twins from the entire South Bay area. After the picnic lunch, there will be a parade of twins, with prizes in several categories. Among those planning to attend are Mrs. Richard Berg, 22749 Date Ave. and her 10-month-old twin daughters, Karen and Kristine.

## Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. R. Ewalt entertained at an open house at their Harbor City home honoring their houseguests, a nephew, M/Sgt. and Mrs. E. C. Cox, Carmen Wamhoff, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hawkins, Dr. and Mrs. R. Copps of Los Angeles; Mrs. B. Reynolds, Long Beach; Mr. and Mrs. B. Musgrave, Alhambra; Mr. and Mrs. S. Pierce, Greg and Debbie, Pomona; Mr. and Mrs. E. Hawkins, Wayne and Mark, Duarte; Mrs. F. McKnight, and Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. G. McFarlane, Laura Lee and Kerry Sue, Torrance; and Mr. and Mrs. D. Marks of Harbor City.

## Staverts Home From Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stavert, 1515 Amapola, returned Tuesday of last week from a three weeks vacation through the Northwest. The couple went from Torrance to Reno and Klamath Falls and on to Seattle where they attended the World's Fair.

They then took the boat trip for several days in Victoria and then to Vancouver.

The return trip was down 101 highway to Concord, where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Sahli, former Torrance residents.

On Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Sahli came to Torrance for a few days with the Staverts, while visiting old friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Sahli will leave Concord on July 6 for Little Rock, Ark. to make their home. During their residence in Torrance, Mr. Sahli was a superintendent for US Steel. He retired about two years ago.

## Arts-Crafts Club Meets

Mrs. Fred Bever and Mrs. Vena Hamilton were co-hostesses to the Arts and Crafts club at the Bever home, 2520 Eldorado Ave., on Friday evening.

This meeting was also a farewell party for Mrs. Leah Arterburn, long-time member of the club, who is moving to Camarillo. Mrs. Arterburn was presented a gift from the club.

Mrs. Charlotte Outcault, president, conducted a business meeting after which the hostesses served refreshments. The evening was spent working on crafts and visiting.

Others attending were Mmes. Maybel Banks, Melvina Beckwith, Florence Childs, Vivian Cook, Mae Jones, Mary McDonald, Zelma Miller, Sybil Moffitt, P. H. Mohler, Addie Parks, Etzel, Frances and Phyllis Peverly, and Hazel Ward.